Wisconsin Food Stamp Program At a Glance

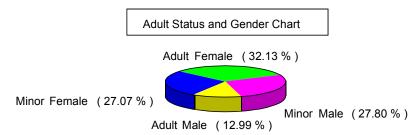
All data is for the month of October, 2001¹

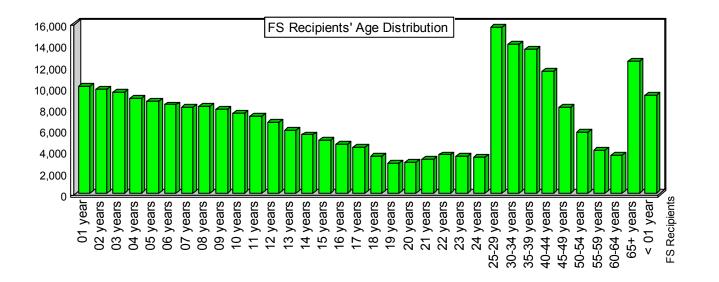
Who gets food stamps in Wisconsin?

- **Poverty**: 4.6% of the people in Wisconsin receive FS. ² On average over the past three years, 8.8% of the state population is at or below the federal poverty rate. ³
- Assistance Groups (AGs)/Individuals: 100,289 Assistance groups are made up

of 248,778 individuals. There are an average of 2.5 people in an AG.

- **Gender**: 59% are female and 41% are male.
- Adults/Minors: 45% are adults while 55% are minors. 60% of AGs have minors in them.
- **Age distribution**: The chart below shows the number of FS recipients by age. Note that starting with age 25, ranges are used.





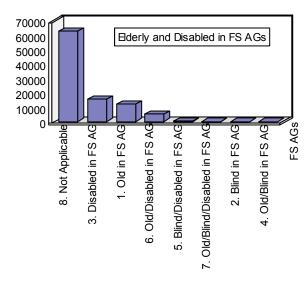
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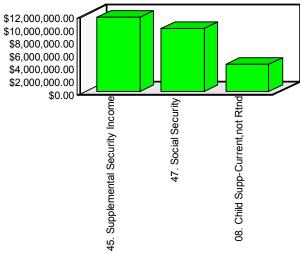
³ Source: U. S. Census Bureau http://www.census.gov/prod/2001pubs/p60-214.pdf

¹ Source: DWD/DWS FS Data Warehouse

² Source: U.S. Census Bureau,

- Elderly/Disabled: 16.5% of FS recipients are either elderly, blind, or disabled and 40% of AGs contain an individual that is either elderly, blind, or disabled.
- Work/Earnings: 32.3% of the AGs have at least one person working. The average monthly earned income of those AGs' is \$1,009. 31% of adult FS recipients are employed.⁴
- Able Bodied Adults Without
 Dependents (ABAWDS): 2,826
 individuals are ABAWDS. That's 1.1% of the FS recipients. Only 11% of ABAWDS are employed. 65% of ABAWDS are male, 35% are female.
- Unearned Income (UI): The average UI per AGs with unearned income is \$654. The three most common sources of UI for a FS AG are: 1)Supplemental Security Income (SSI), 2)Social Security Retirement, and 3)Current Child Support. These 3 types of UI account for 65% of all UI received by FS recipients.

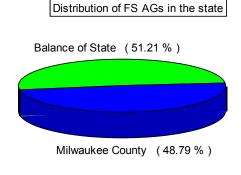




• Geography: 49% of the AGs are in Milwaukee Co. 51% are in the balance of

the state. The top 5 counties with the most FS AGs are: Milwaukee, Dane, Racine, Rock, and Kenosha. These counties hold 62% of the FS AGs in Wisconsin.

FS AGs	Milwaukee County/ BOS
51359	Balance of State
48930	Milwaukee County
100289	



⁴ This statistic contains prospective income for cases that may have caused the case to close at the end of October. Therefore, the earned income reported here was not necessarily the income used to calculate October's eligibility.

⁵ This statistic contains Social Security lump sum payments made in the report month. These can be over several thousand dollars and represent back pay for prior months.

• Allotments: A total of over \$15.9 million in food stamp benefits were allotted

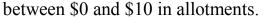
for the month.
The average
allotment amount
per AG is \$158.
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The average allotment for AGs that contains an elderly, blind, or

is \$96. However, 21.6%

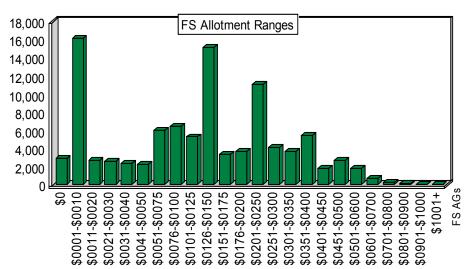
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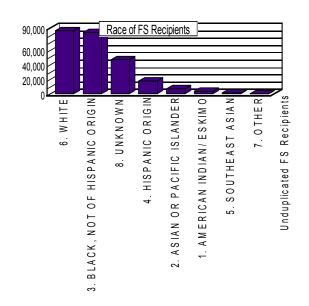
of the caseload only receives



- Race: Whites and Blacks equally comprise almost 68 % of FS recipients in Wisconsin. 19% of the recipients are coded as "unknown" in CARES
- Assets: 89% of FS AGs have budgetable assets between zero and \$250. Note that as of 07/01/01 vehicles are no longer countable assets. Also, groups known as "categorically eligible AGs" do not have any assets budgeted when determining eligibility. Just less than 1 % of FS AGs contain a homeowner.
- Education: 56% of adult FS recipients are HS graduates or equivalent. The education breakout is as follows:

Highest level of education for Adult FS Recipients





Education Level Group	Unduplicated FS Recipients(Query 2 with FSIndivi)	Percentage
4. High School Grad or Equiv	48010	42.77 %
3. Secondary School (9-12)	35975	32.05 %
5. Post High School	14822	13.20 %
2. Elementary School (K-8)	8241	7.34 %
No Formal Schooling	5215	4.65 %
Percent:		100.00 %
Sum:	112263	